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1. VOICE OF UGANDA, AUG 11 REPORTS TEXT OF PRES. AMIN'S
LATEST TELEGRAM TO HEATH.

2. QTE I HAVE HEARD FROM PRESS REPORTS ORIGINATING FROM OTTAWA,
A SUGGESTION BY YOUR FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME,
THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT ON COMPENSATION DUE
TO BRITISH CITIZENS OF ASIAN ORIGIN SHOULD BE OF A TECHNICAL NATURE
AND AT OFFICIAL LEVEL. THIS SUGGESTION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ME.

"I WISH, THEREFORE, TO REMIND YOU OF MY VIEW WHICH I ANNOUNCED
ON A BBC PROGRAMME THAT THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE
HELD BETWEEN YOURSELF PERSONALLY AND ME. YOU WILL, THEREFORE,
BE RECEIVING AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM MY GOVERNMENT TO VISIT
UGANDA FOR THIS PURPOSE.

"I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR VISIT TO KAMPALA WILL GO
A LONG WAY IN PAVING A SMOOTH PATH OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND THAT
YOU WILL BE ACCORDED A VERY WARM WELCOME IN A TRUE AFRICAN WAY.

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"FURTHERMORE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A DECISION ON THE ECONOMIC WAR WAS DECLARED IN KAMPALA. IT IS, THEREFORE, PROPER THAT THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN YOU AND ME SHOULD BE STARTED IN KAMPALA. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REPEAT THAT I WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO TALK TO ANYBODY ELSE BUT YOUSELF.

"FINALLY, IN THE SPIRIT OF MY GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I STILL REGARD YOU AND THE BRITISH PEOPLE AS MY BEST FRIENDS.

"IT IS ALSO MY SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO COME TO KAMPALA, DESPITE YOUR PERSONAL REACTION TO MY SPEECH TO THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE WHICH WAS BASED ON NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. UNQTE.
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